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The Alchemist

by Ben Jonson (1572-1637)



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An outbreak of plague in London forces a gentleman to flee to the country, leaving his house under the charge of his butler, Jeremy. Jeremy turns the house into the headquarters for fraudulent acts, and transforms himself into 'Captain Face', enlists the aid of Subtle, a fellow conman, and Dol Common, a prostitute. People of all social classes are subject to Jonson's ruthless, satirical wit as he mocks human weakness and gullibility. The trio of con artists - Subtle, Face and Dol - are self-deluding small-timers, ultimately undone by the same human weaknesses they exploit in their victims. *(Wikipedia)*

Subtle, First Neighbor: *Elizabeth Klett*
 Face: *ToddHW*
 Dol Common: *Arielle Lipshaw*
 Dapper, Second Officer: *Nathanial W.C. Higgins*
 Druggier, Third Neighbor: *Thomas Leigh Moore*
 Lovewit: *Kevin Johnson*
 Sir Epicure Mammon: *Algy Pug*
 Pertinax Surly, Fifth Neighbor, First Officer: *Alan Mapstone*
 Tribulation Wholesome: *TriciaG*
 Ananias: *Martin Geeson*
 Kastril: *David Nicol*
 Dame Pliant: *Amy Gramour*
 Fourth Neighbor: *Charlotte Duckett*
 Narrator: *Kristingj*

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